

Commanders' Program

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To provide prospective commanding officers information and a course of instruction to enhance their performance as commanders. The course is issue-focused and provides information on current USMC policies and programs. The program includes a Spouses Workshop that is designed to provide the commanders spouses information on the programs and support assets available to them as well as enhance the skills necessary to assist them in their role. The Spouses Workshop focuses on issues likely to arise in connection with command responsibilities and provides information on maintaining the communication links between the command, families, community, and service providers.

CURRICULUM

The Commanders' Program is eight days in length and consists of a series of presentations given by the various Deputy Commandants of the Marine Corps and HQMC program directors, MSTP Senior Mentors, small group leadership discussions, a General Officer Leadership Symposium, Safety and ORM overviews, and Level III Anti-Terrorism and Force Protection training. The Spouses' Workshop is four days in length and includes presentations on Communications, Conflict Resolution, Speaking with the Media, Tragedy Assistance Program, Personal and Family Readiness, Family Team Building, KVN, Relationships with Enlisted Spouses, Time and Stress Management, and the Social Side of Command.

Training and Education Command is the executive agent and Marine Corps University hosts the program semiannually in the spring and fall.

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